IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY MARICOPA

RE: ATTENDANCE AT PARENT) No. 2003-105 INFORMATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, this Court has received complaints and concerns from interested parties being required to attend the Parent Information Program regarding children who are the subject of an action pending before the Maricopa County Superior Court, Family Court Department (with children); and

WHEREAS, said parties include Grandparents of children involved in family court matters; and

WHEREAS, there are other parties to family court actions whose physical residences outside the State of Arizona, incarceration, legal status or financial position prohibits them from attending the Parent Information Program; and

WHEREAS, the Parent Information Program Coordinator has advised this Court that Maricopa County currently contracts with multiple private vendors whose program curriculum does not include information specifically for or beneficial to grandparents.

WHEREAS, the Family Court Department approved the substance of this order at its regularly scheduled meeting of October 15, 2003, after considering A.R.S. § 25-352,

NOW. THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

That the following persons or classes of persons shall <u>not</u> be required to attend the Parent Information Program in Maricopa County:

- 1. Grandparents of the children; and
- 2. Caretaker relatives who are not the biological parents of the children; and
- 3. Parties in post-decree proceedings for modification and/or enforcement of existing orders; and
- Parties residing outside the state of Arizona who are seeking to enforce an existing child support order issued by another state pursuant to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; and
- 5. Parties residing outside the state of Arizona and on whose behalf paternity or post-paternity child support actions are filed by the State of Arizona under the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; and
- 6. Parties in Title IV-D proceedings who are (a) receiving assistance from the Arizona Department of Economic Security, or (b) welfare assistance from another state; and

- 7. Parties who are incarcerated by the Arizona Department of Corrections and whose incarceration will prevent them from attending a Parent Information Program in the reasonably foreseeable future; and
- 8. Parents in cases where the only children involved in the matter are either emancipated or are beyond the age of majority.

DATED: October 23, 2003.

Honorable Mark W. Armstrong Family Court Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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The Honorable Colin Campbell, Presiding Judge

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